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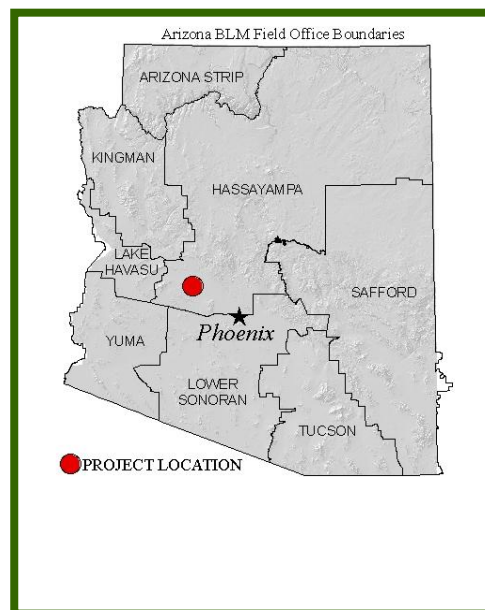


Vulture Mine Road Remediation Project

Need

The Vulture Mountains south of Wickenburg, Arizona, contain many old, abandoned hardrock mine sites. This is a high-use recreation area, especially popular with off-highway vehicle enthusiasts, who use the old mine roads to access scenic backcountry areas. Because many of these roads were originally constructed to provide access to mine sites, recreational users can encounter hazardous mine features located next to the roads.

The Vulture Mine Road Remediation project is part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) program. The goal of the project is to backfill six open abandoned shafts located next to regularly used roads in the Vulture Mountains. The work will be performed by experienced, independent contractors. The project is scheduled to begin work by October 2009 and be completed by December 2009.



Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project will be released after the contract has been awarded.

Benefits

This reclamation work will permanently eliminate the physical safety hazards open mines pose to the public. The work will also enhance the viewshed by creating a ground surface that will visually blend into the surrounding terrain.



More Information

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